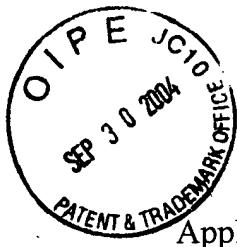


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants petition concurrently herewith for a two (2) month extension of time, extending time to respond to and including October 18, 2004.

Applicants file concurrently herewith a power of attorney in favor of the undersigned, thus revoking all prior powers of attorney in this application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(a).

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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